

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The Examiner is thanked for considering claims 1-12 to be allowable if the Section 112 rejection is overcome.

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1-12 are amended, and new claim 13 is added, without prejudice.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled and to conform to U.S. practice. Support for new claim 13 is found throughout the specification and from claim 1.

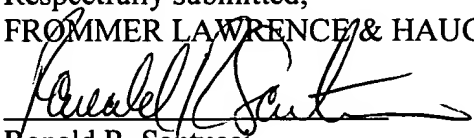
Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The amendment to claim 1, and the addition of new claim 13, renders the rejection moot.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims, and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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